GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON CORAL BASED MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed any ban on medicines made from prawal (coral), Pushkar moal etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to lift ban from the said medicines; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, collection, sale, etc. of the species included in the Schedules of the Act are prohibited. 5 groups of prawal (coral) are listed in Schedule I of the Act. Pushkar mool (Inula racemosa) is not listed in the Act.

(b) Prawal is listed under the category of endangered species and ban on collection, sale, transport, etc, of the species or derivatives thereof is necessary to conserve the remaining population.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is very important to control the harvesting of the said species because of its dwindling numbers and to save the already threatened species from extinction.